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Dear Sir:

In order to minimize the filing fee, please amend the above identified patent application as follows before calculating the filing fee.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims **2 to 6**.

Claim **1** is maintained for calculating the filing fee.

REMARKS:

After calculating the filing fee, please further enter the accompanying Second Preliminary Amendment which adds new claims **7 to 11** for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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